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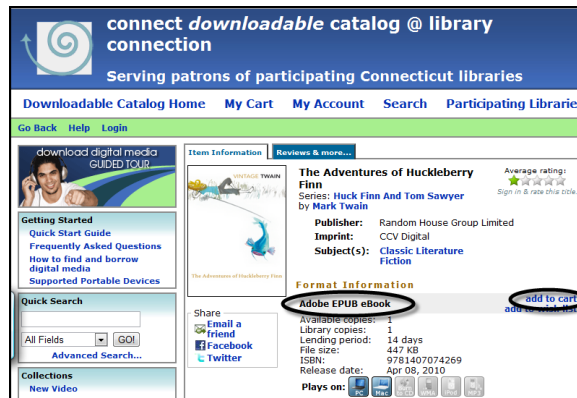
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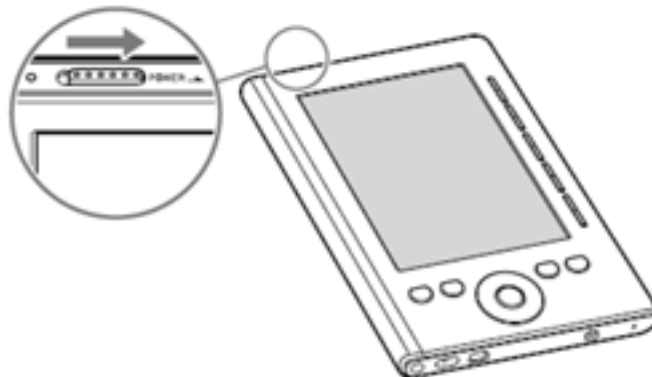- In the Connect Downloadable Catalog, click on e-Books -- Newly Available

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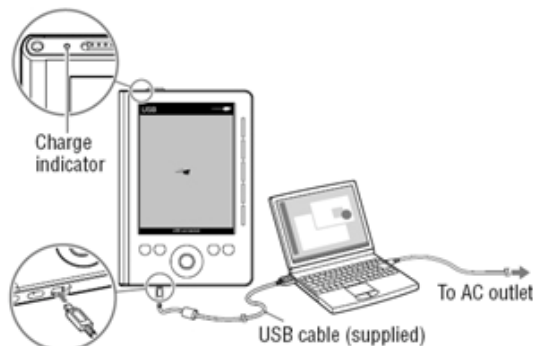
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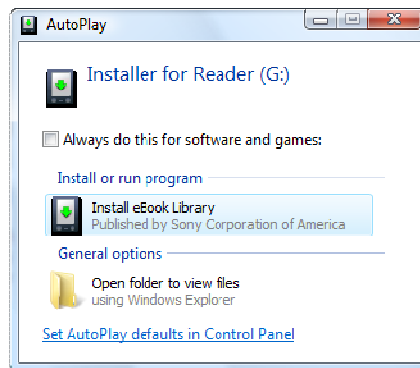- Turn on the Sony Reader by sliding the POWER switch to the right.

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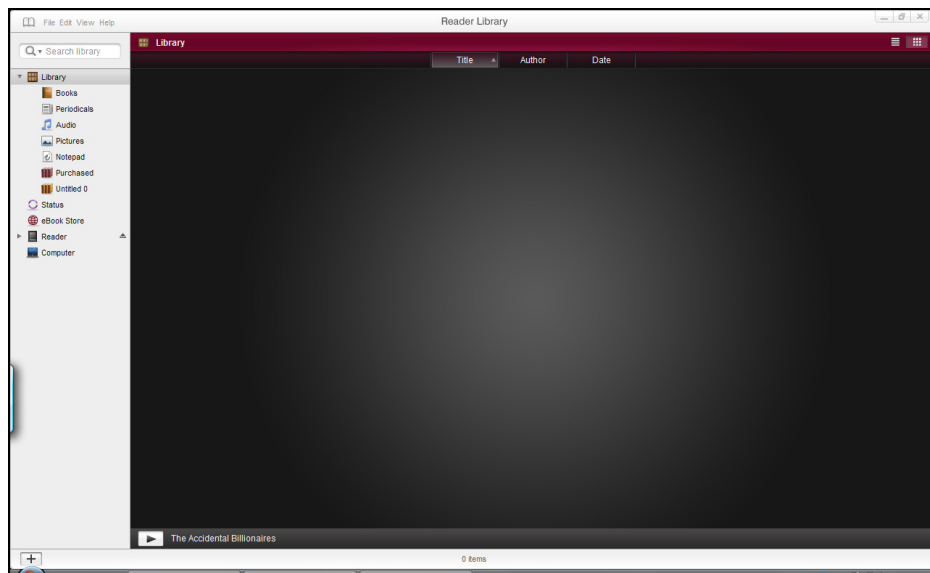

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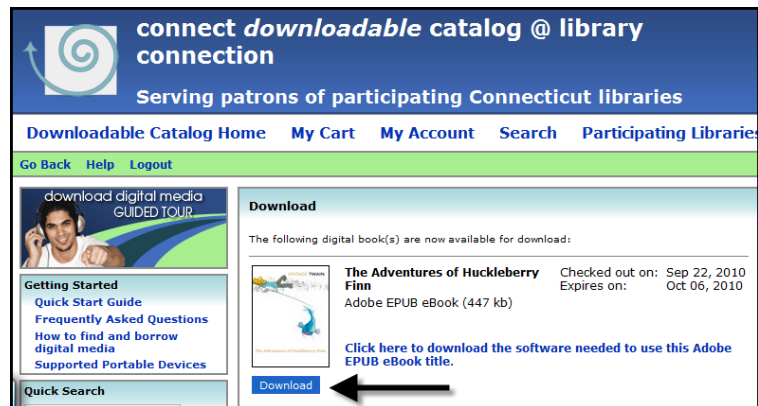
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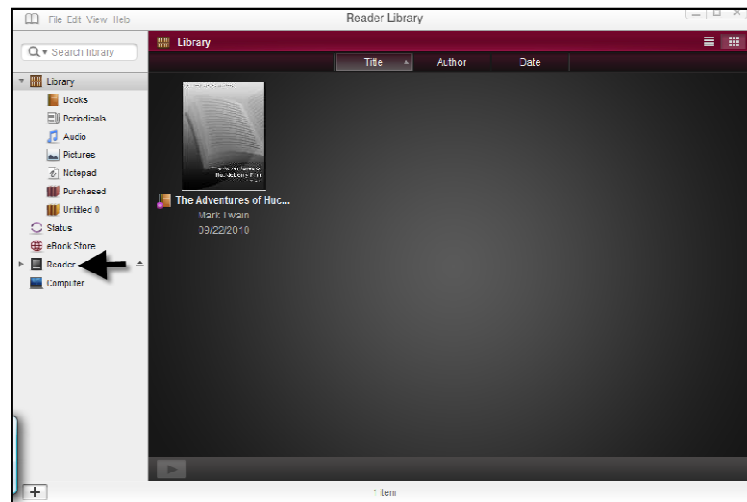

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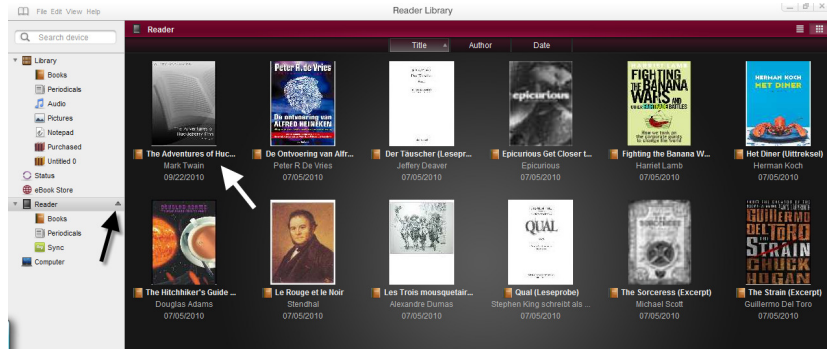
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- Click the eject button in the Sony Reader Library (in the screenshot above the black arrow is pointing to it). Wait a moment until the Reader disappears from the Reader Library.
- Disconnect the Sony Reader from your computer.
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